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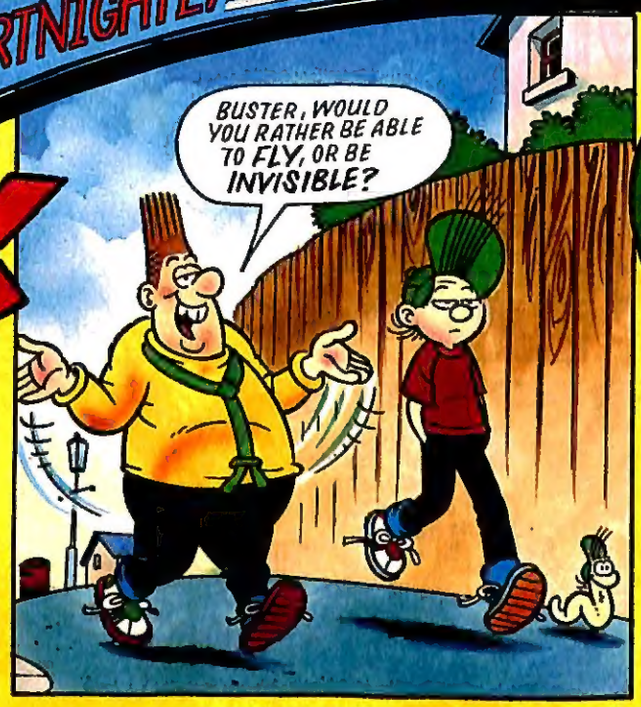
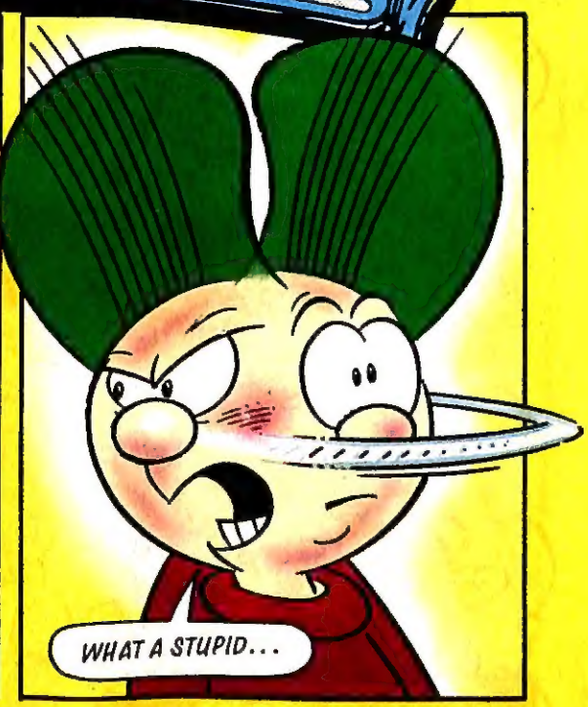
FUNPAX

POP PACKS to be won!

FEATURING All Saints, Boyzone, Hanson and the Backstreet Boys!





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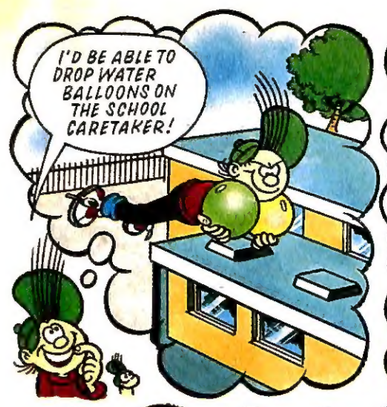

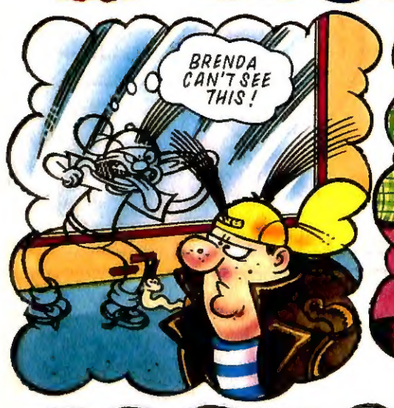

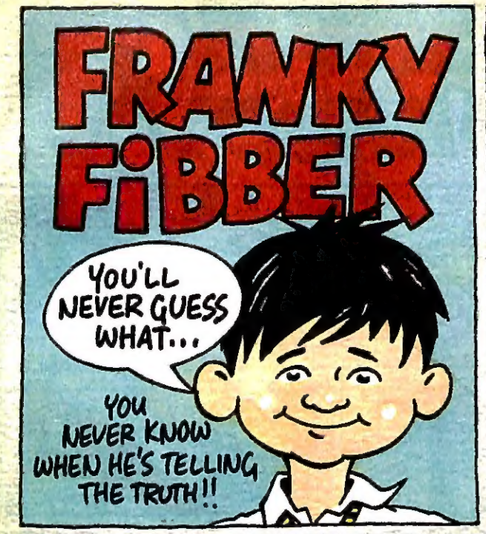

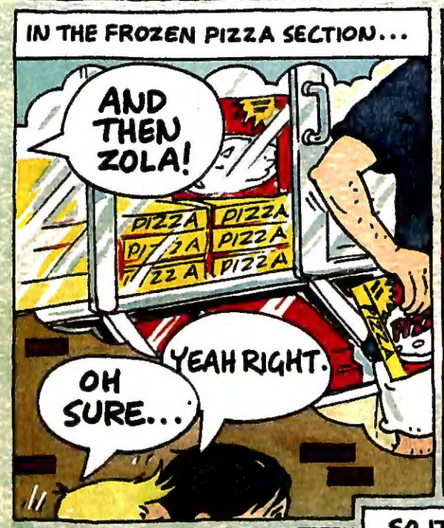

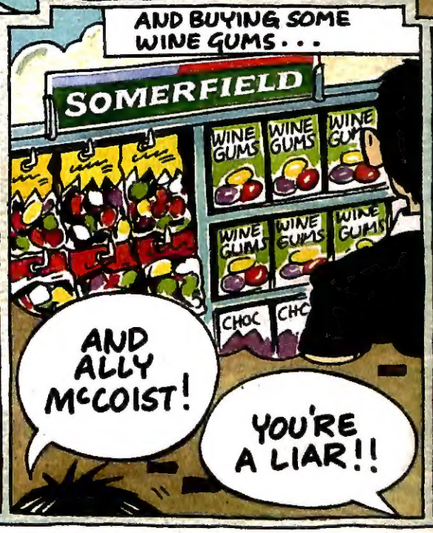

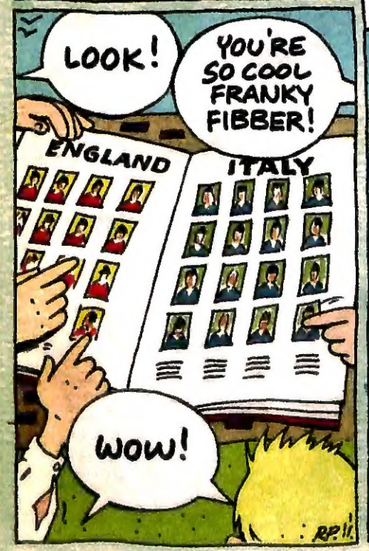

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X-RAY SPECS

RAY'S GOT 'FLU...
BAH! I'VE READ EVERY ONE OF THOSE COMICS... SIX TIMES!

MUM'S WATCHING HER FAVOURITE DAYTIME "SOAP" ON THE TELLY!

WHEN IT GETS TO AN EXCITING BIT I'LL KNOCK ON THE FLOOR! SNIGGER!

I'M GOING TO SHOOT YOU, K.R.!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
BAH!

CAN I HAVE A DRINK, MUM?
GRR! ALL RIGHT, RAY!

LATER...
IT'S MRS. MEAK FROM NUMBER 57! SHE'S COME TO SWAP GOSSIP WITH MUM!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT POOR MRS. BROWN..?
NO..!

HEH, HEH! I'LL PUT A STOP TO THEIR RABBITING!

MR. BROWN BOUGHT THIS BIG CACTUS PLANT AND...
THUMP! THUMP!
HANG ON! RAY'S KNOCKING AGAIN!

I FEEL HOT, MUM!
I'D BETTER TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE!

LATER...
CACTUS PLANT...YES! WHAT HAPPENED THEN?
THEY TOOK MRS. BROWN TO THE HOSPITAL AND THE DOCTOR SAID...

GAH! IT'S OUR RAY AGAIN!
THUMP! KNOCK!

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, MUM — BUT I'M THIRSTY AGAIN!
BAH!

THAT EVENING...
HOW ARE YOU, RAY?
TERRIBLE, DAD!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE FEELING BETTER THIS MORNING!
I WAS...'TIL MUM TOOK MY SPECS AWAY!

DOUBLE TROUBLE

WE'RE GOING TO OUR COUSIN'S FANCY DRESS PARTY TONIGHT!
AND I'LL WIN A PRIZE FOR BEST OUTFIT!

ERK!
ULP!

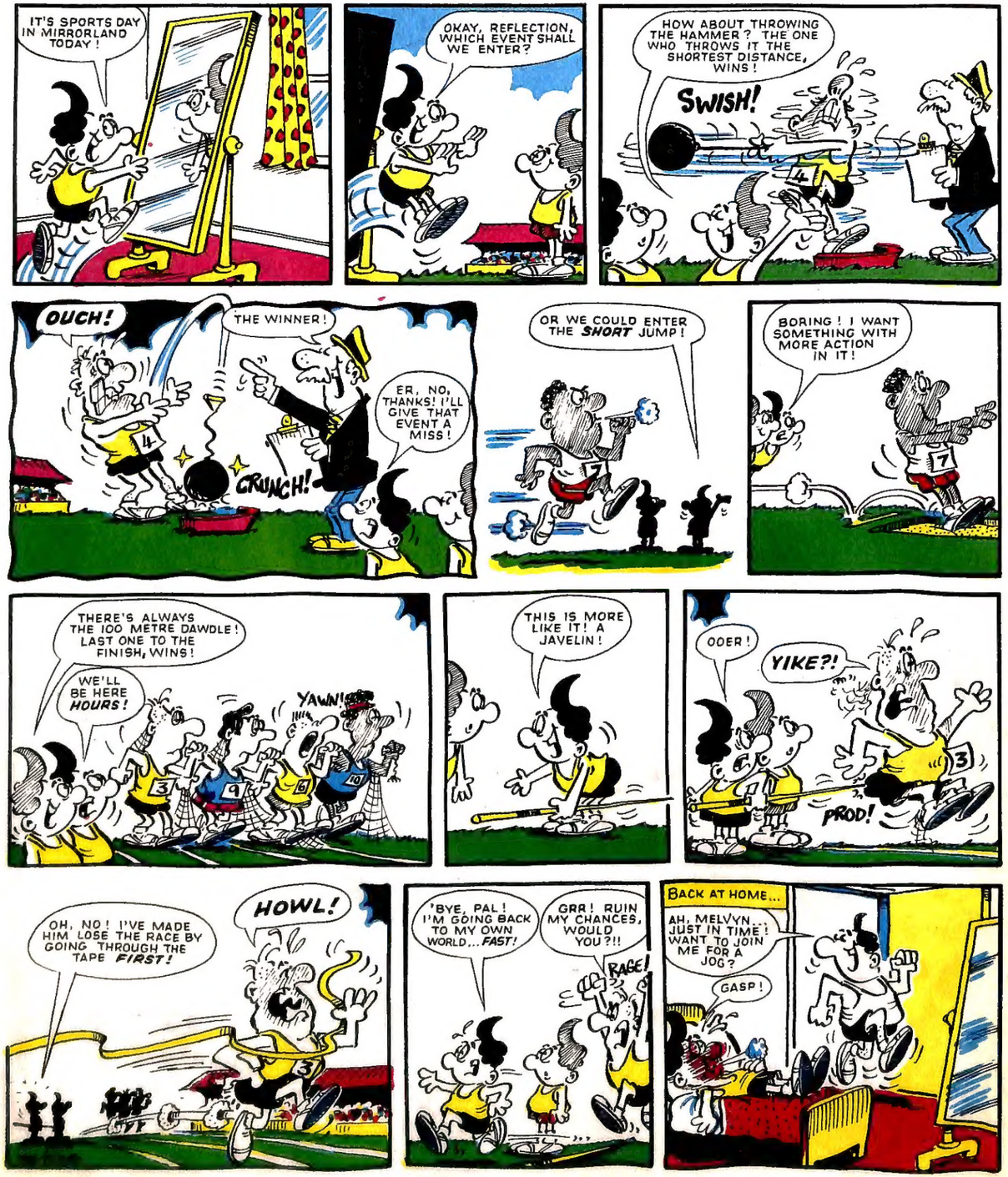
YOU COPIED MY IDEA!
NONSENSE! YOU COPIED MINE!

I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO COPY ME!
GRAB!
GET YOUR HAND OUT OF MY EAR HOLE!
RRRIP!
PULL!
RIP!
TUG!
RENT!
RRRIP!

LATER, AT THE PARTY...
FIRST PRIZE FOR FANCY DRESS GOES TO...
TERRY BAVE

...JON AND SUZY, AS A PAIR OF TRAMPS!

Melvyn's MIRROR



30 FUNPAX POP PACKS to be won!

Just take a look at the four massive groups featured in the brill FUNPAX Pop Packs range. Girl group "All Saints", Irish super stars "Boyzone", the "Backstreet Boys" and Mmmmboppers "Hanson". Each Pop Pack includes... a giant interactive wall chart, with space to write essential details like fave singles, tour dates etc., two mini books, one packed full of puzzles, the other giving profiles on each band member - and last but not least, 16 leaves of full colour die-cut stickers!

FUNFAX and BUSTER are giving away ALL FOUR books to the 30 winners in our super but simple competition!

To stand a chance of being one of our 30 winners all you have to do is answer the question on the entry coupon. Complete the coupon with your name and address, then cut it out and stick it on a postcard, or the back of a sealed down, empty envelope and send it to: *FUNPAX Pop Packs Competition, Buster Comic, P.O. Box 164, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3XB.* Entries should arrive by Friday 3rd July, 1998, the closing date. After that date we will put all the correct entries we've received into a postsack and the senders of the first 30 pulled out at random will win the prizes. Usual Buster competition rules apply. The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

ENTRY COUPON

Question: Where are Boyzone from?
(a) France (b) Ireland (c) USA

Answer: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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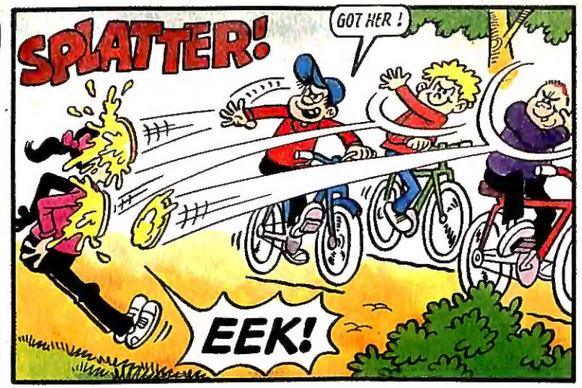
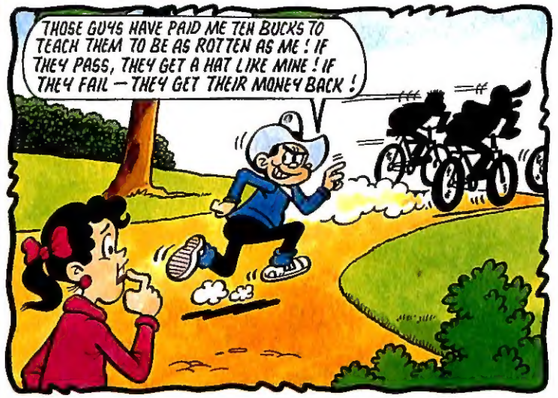
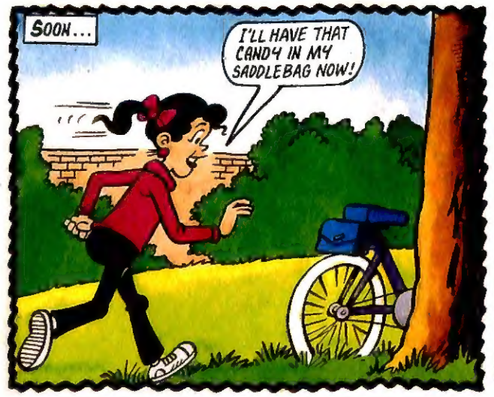
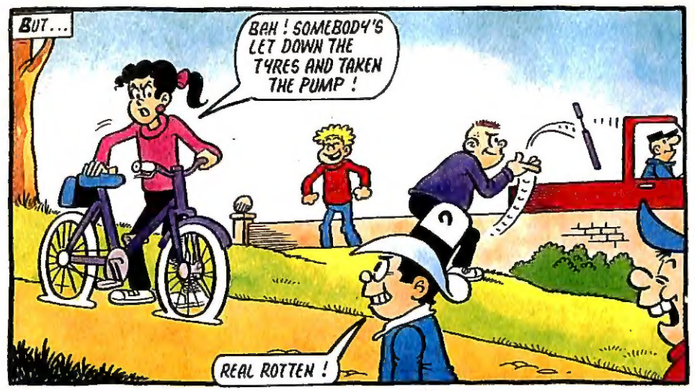
.....**Postcode**.....

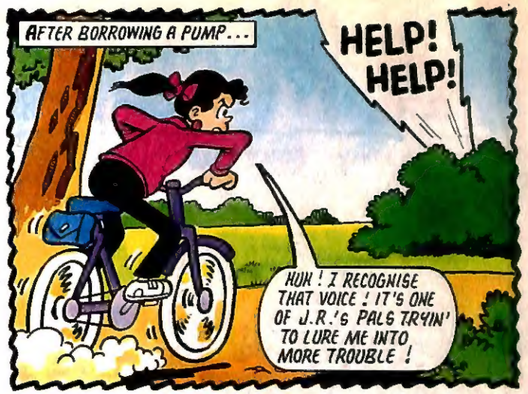
Tricky Dotty Rotten

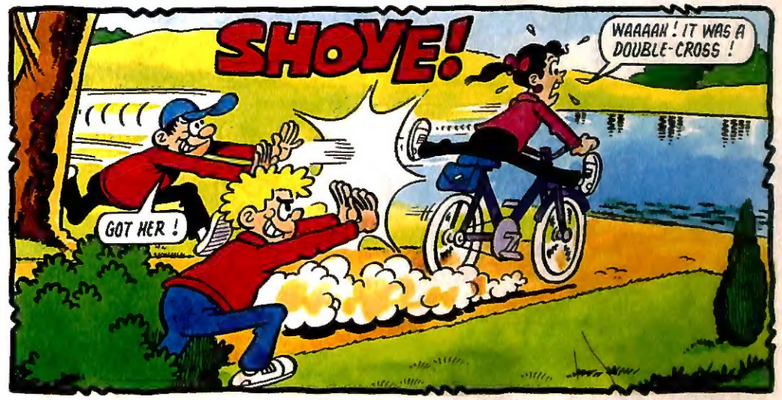


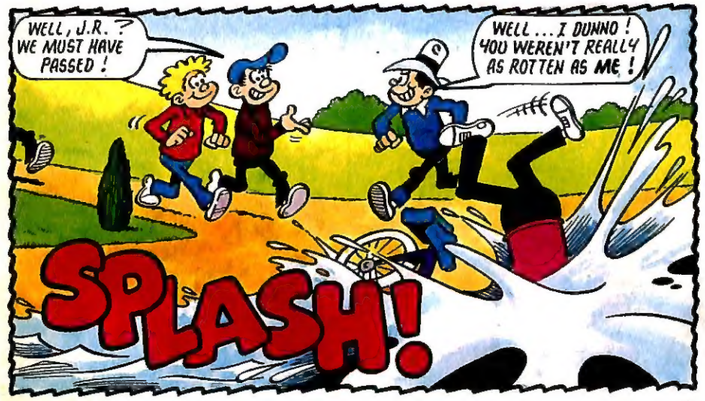


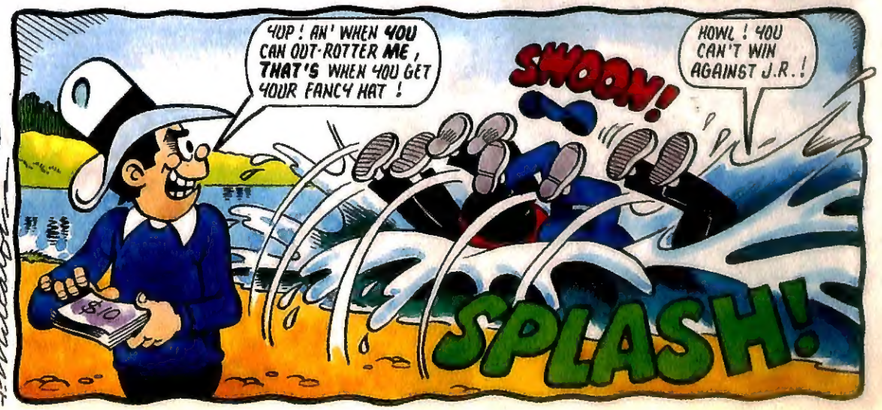












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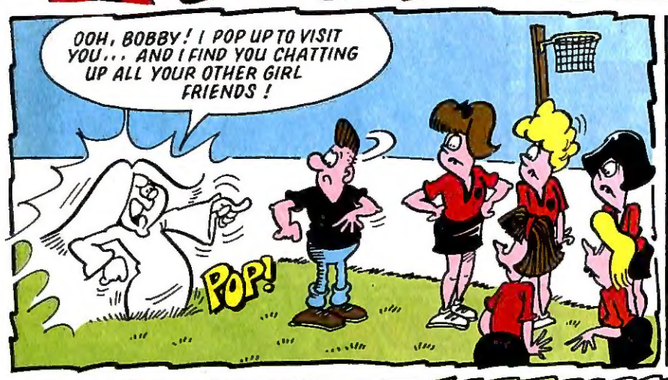
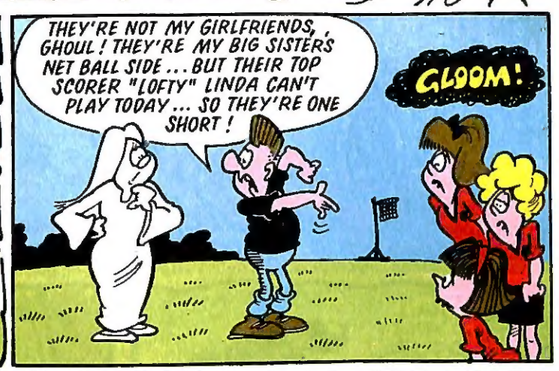
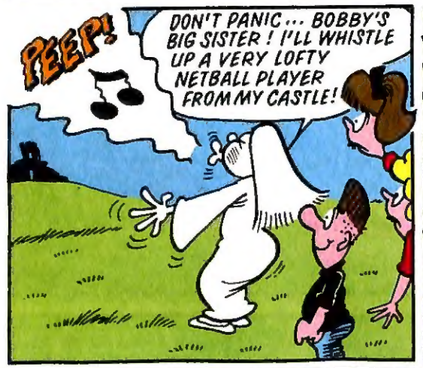
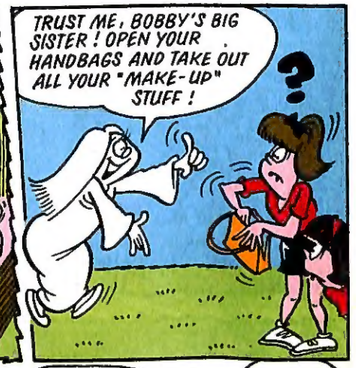
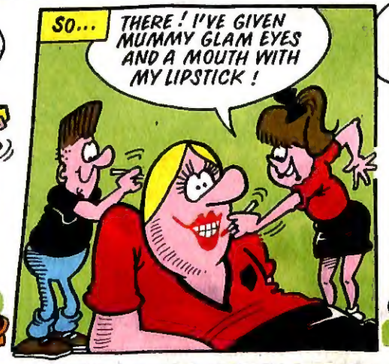
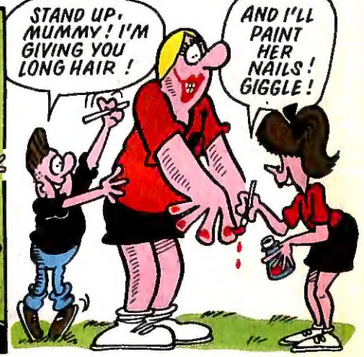


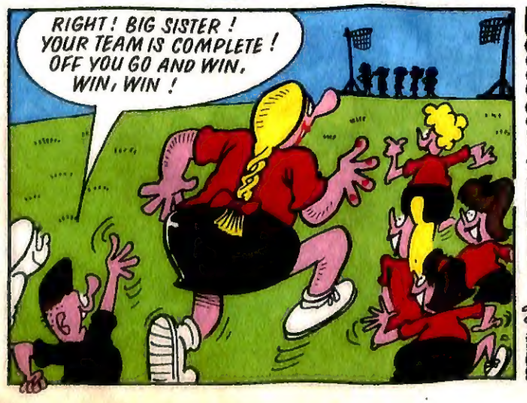


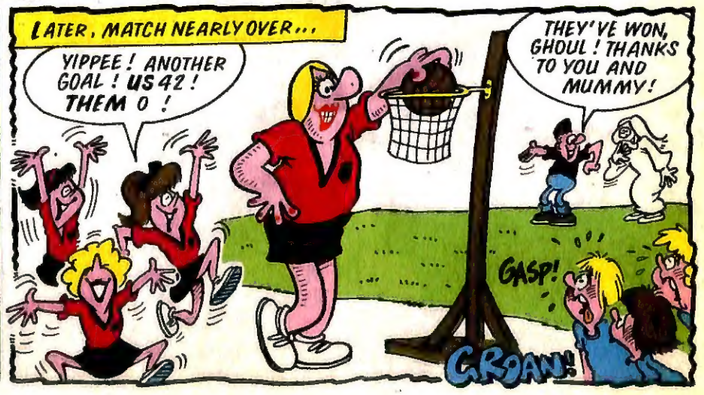


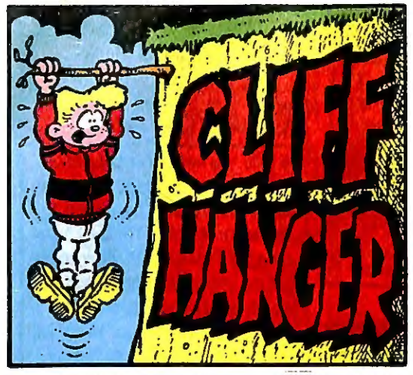


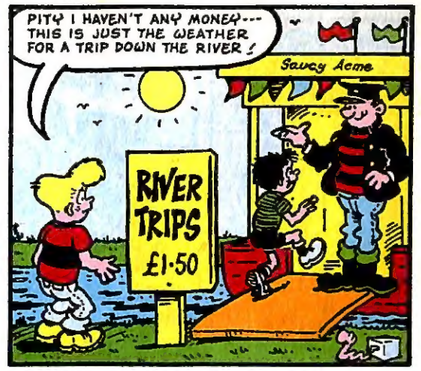


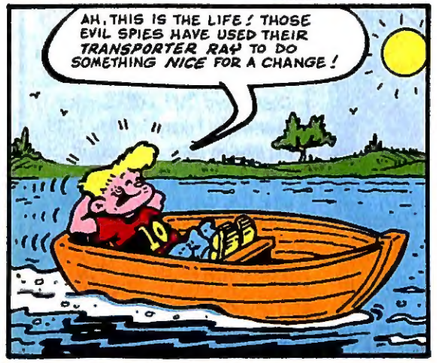


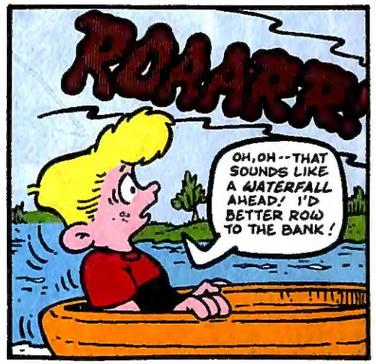


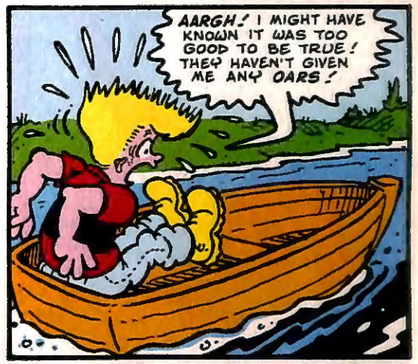


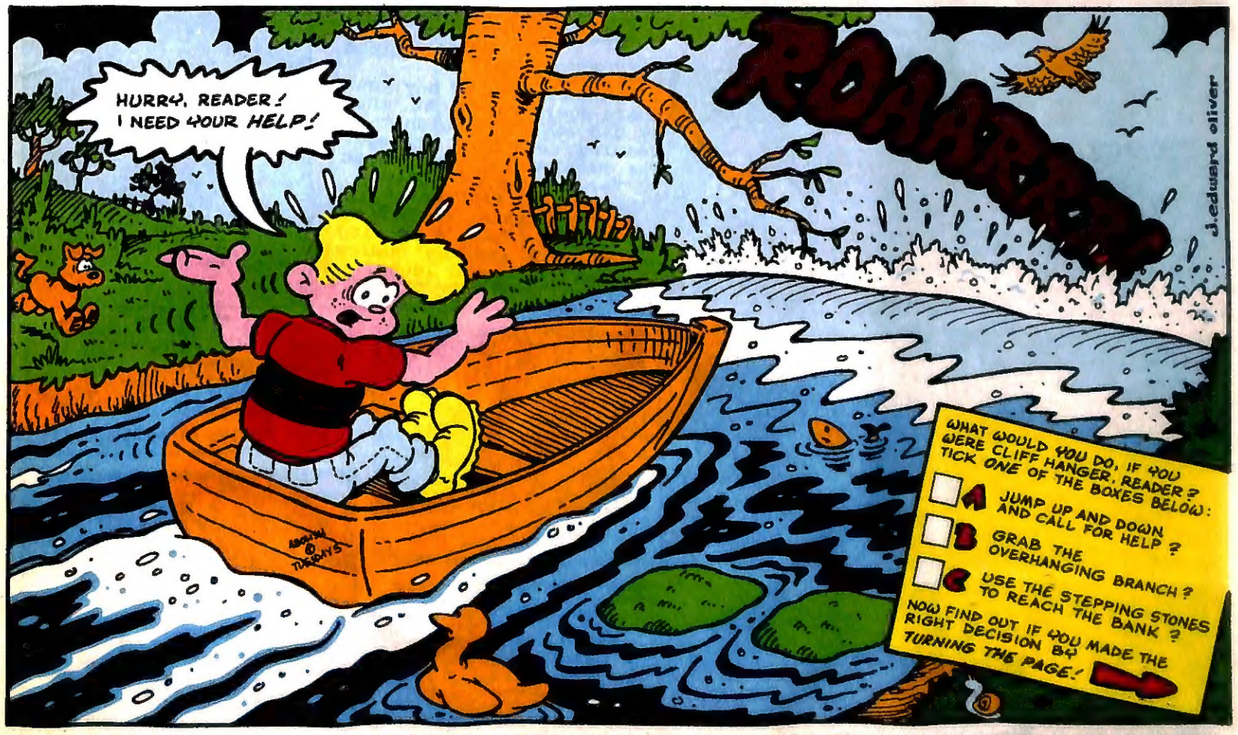










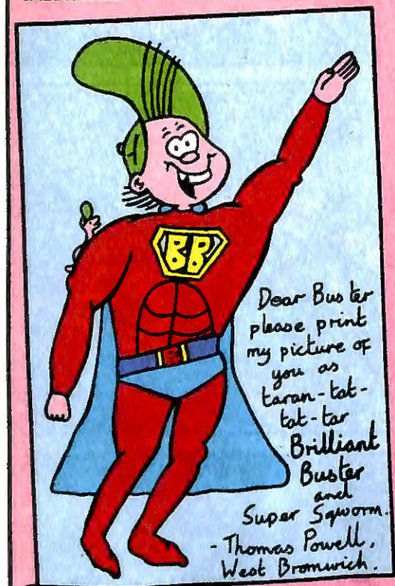


This issue's CLIFF HANGER CLASSIC, the tenth episode of the original series – and the first to feature a super–size closing panel – first saw the light of day in the 27th August, 1983, edition of BUSTER. The top TV SHOWS of that year, each reaching No. 1 in the TV charts, were Coronation Street, This is Your Life, Last of the Summer Wine and the Miss World Contest!

b-mail

BUSTER COMIC, P.O.BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX CM1 3XB

£2-00 FOR EACH WINNER



Dear Buster,
My sister will be soooo embarrassed if you print this pic. She's the one on the right. Please print it so I can get her back for everything she's done to me.
VICKI PAYNE, KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

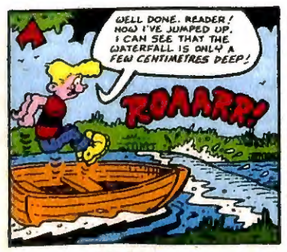
Dear Buster,
I am nearly 15 and buy your comic every fortnight. But my dad says I shouldn't be reading comics at my age. The problem is, your comic is far too good to stop!
ANDREW WEBB, FAIRBOURNE.
..We have Buster readers of ALL ages! There's nothing wrong with reading comics and having a good laugh!

Pen Pal

I'd like a girl pen pal aged 10-13. I'm 12. I like swimming, reading, writing and I love dogs. Please could you send a photo. I *promise* to reply to all letters.
LAUREN NICOLSON,
31 THE AVENUE, HORNCHURCH,
ESSEX, RM12 4JL

VIC'S VIDS

Hi pals, Vic here. I've popped up on Buster's b-mail page to tell you about a really brill video called *'Bernard's Watch'*. You may have seen the series on TV - now you've got the chance to grab the vid and watch it over and over again. It costs £9.99, but I've got 10 copies to give away **FREE**. Write your name and address on a postcard or back of a sealed down, empty envelope and send it to: *Bernard's Watch Vid, Buster, P.O. Box 164, Chelmsford CM1 3XB.* Entries to arrive by Friday 3rd July 1998, the closing date. Senders of the first 10 entries picked at random after that date will win the vids. Usual Buster rules apply.



CLIFF HANGER

WHAT ADVICE DID YOU GIVE?

BUSTER Birthdays

10 JUN: Wayne Leach, Stanford-Le-Hope.
15 JUN: Rhiannon Smith (age 10), Ipswich, Suffolk.
20 JUN: Edward Yau, Hoggenfield.
22 JUN: Emily Baxter (age 7), Orpington.

BUSTER BONUS!

COMPUTER GAMES

Thanks to CAMPBELL'S, makers of CAMPBELL'S MEATBALLS and HOT DOGGERS, every reader with an item included in this issue's *b-mail* will receive an ace hand-held electronic LCD Meatballs game, in addition to the regular £2 pocket-money prize!

PLEASE FILL IN AND SEND THIS COUPON WHENEVER YOU WRITE TO *BUSTER*.

MY TOP 3 *BUSTER* STRIPS:
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....

MY *LEAST* FAVE STRIP:
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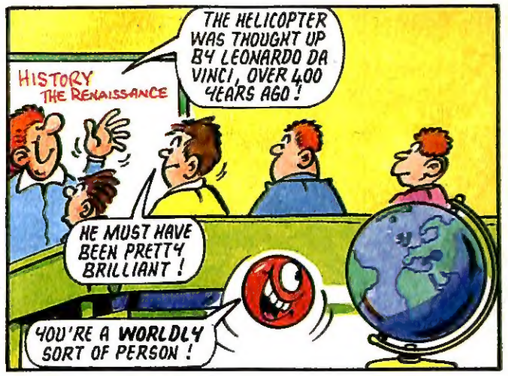
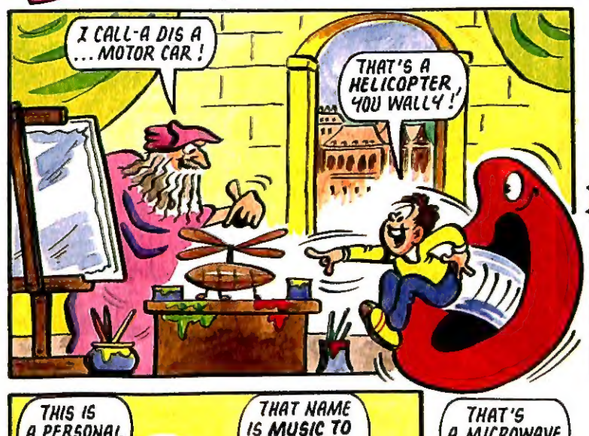
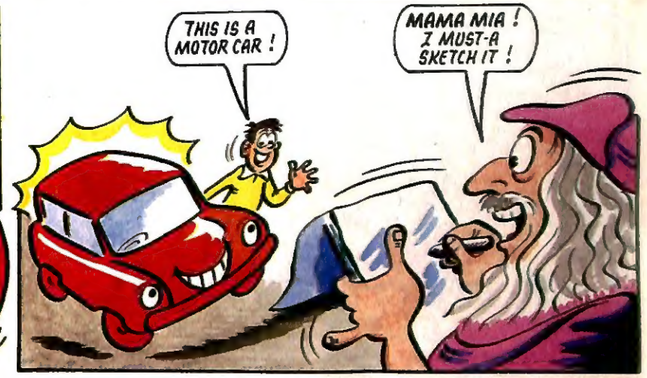
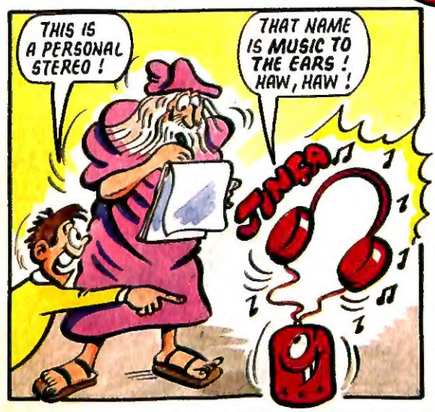
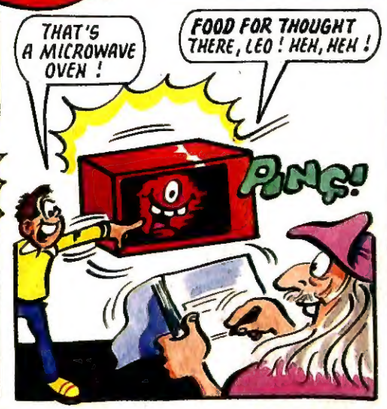
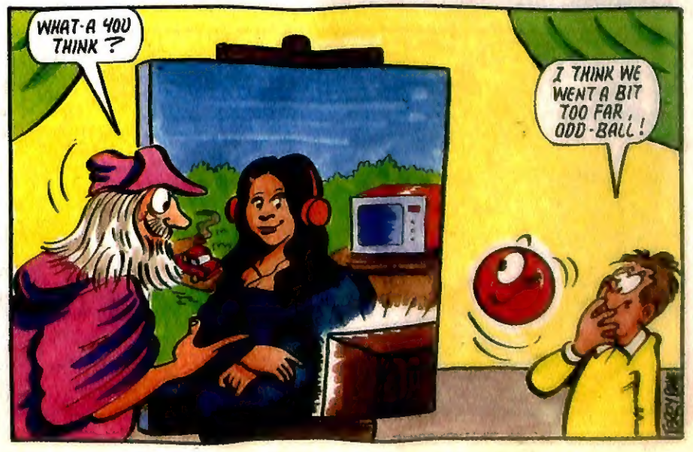


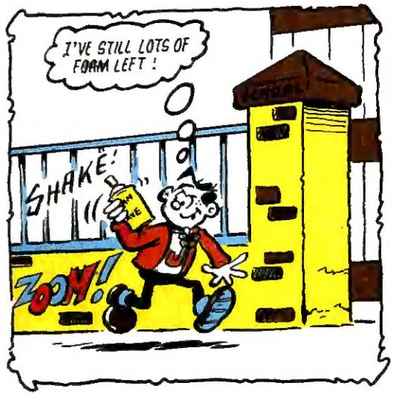


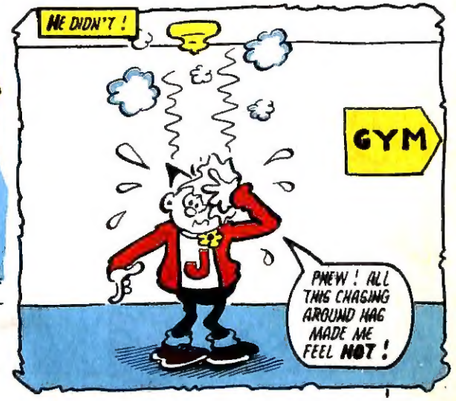






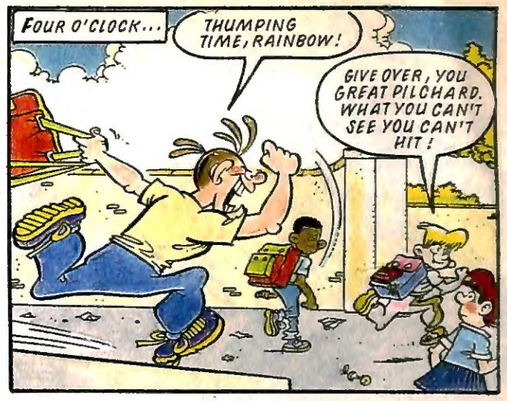


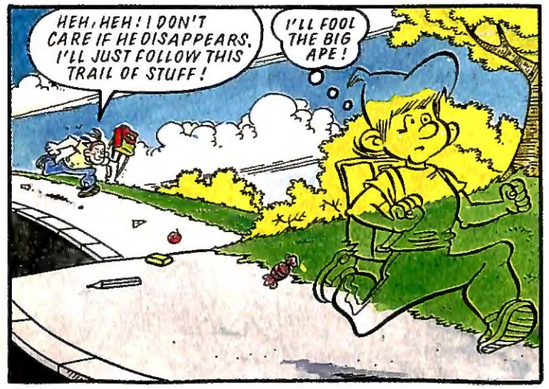


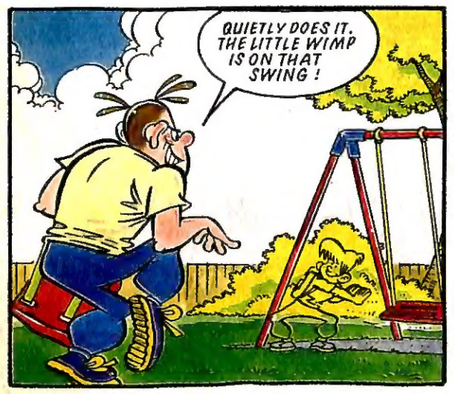


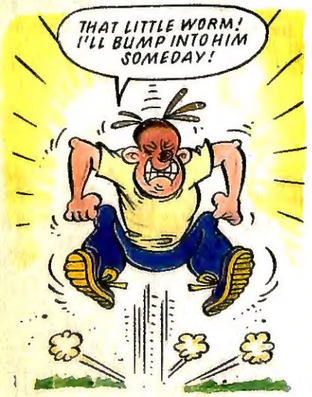
Ricky Rainbow

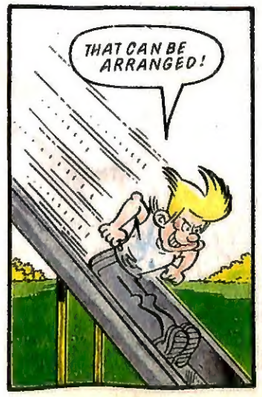
The most colourful boy in the world











THE CRAZIEST CHARACTERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC!

CAPTAIN CRUCIAL

YO!

CHAMPION OF COOL!

SERIOUSLY UNCOOL NORMAN NAFF WAS FEELING SORRY FOR HIMSELF...

I'M SUCH A NAFFO I NEVER GET INVITED TO TRENDY PARTIES!

GET DOWN!

UNCOOL VIBES!

FREAK OUT!

STRUT YOUR FUNKY STUFF!

THEN SUDDENLY...

WHOOOM!

YO, DUDE! WHAT GIVES?

ERK! WHO ARE YOU?

CRASH!

CAPTAIN CRUCIAL, ANNIHILATOR OF NAFFNESS—AT YOUR SERVICE!

GASP!

VWUMPHH!

ON PLANET POSEUR...

GROOVYNESS GRANTED WITH A CLICK OF MY FUNKY FINGER!

WOW! WELL, I WISH I WASN'T SO SQUARE!

FLASH!

WAZZ!

THIS ISN'T WHAT I MEANT!

OOPS!

I WANNA BE A FUN GUY!

NNG!

WAM!

NO! NOT A FUNGI! JUST GIVE ME A COOL IMAGE WILL YOU!

I'M TRYING! HONEST!

NOOO!

BAH!

HURL!

SPLAT!

LOOK! MAKE ME THE SORT OF KID OTHER KIDS LOOK UP TO! UNDERSTAND?

OKAY, OKAY!

AAAGGHH!

SHAZAAM!

GET ME DOWN!

AHA! 'HOW TO MAKE SOMEONE GROOVY!'

PROPERTY BEEM LIBRARY

ONE THOUSAND TRENDY TRANSFORMATION TECHNIQUES

PHAAZZ!

EH?!!

POW!

Gravy

BUT THEN...

BEING NAFF HE JUST CAN'T STICK IT, MAKE LITTLE NORM MEGA-BAD WICKED!

AWESOME! THIS IS THE BUSINESS!

KLIK!

ZAP!

PHOOM!

BACK ON EARTH...

YO! I'M BAD... I'M BAD...LET'S PAAARTY!

AAAIEEEEE!

PHEW!

UH?!

FLEE!

STAMPEDE!

BAD? I'M ROTTEN!

B.O.

BAD BREATH!

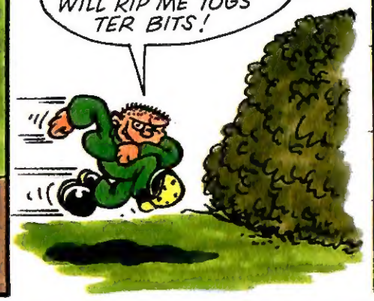
POO!

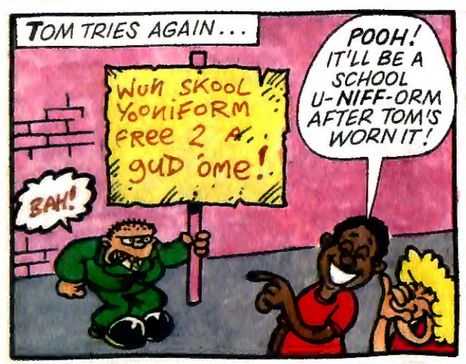
SWEATY FEET!

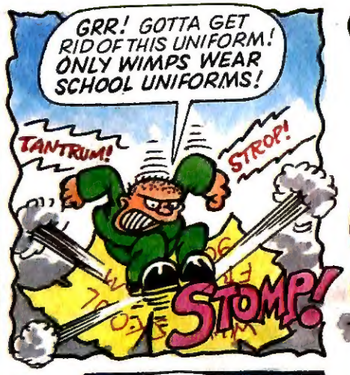
I GUESS IT MUST'VE BEEN ONE OF MY OFF DAYS!

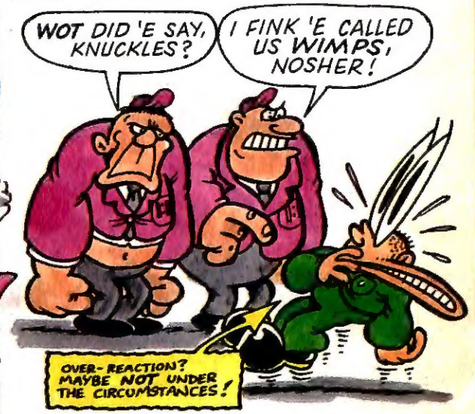
Tom Thug's SKOOLdayZ

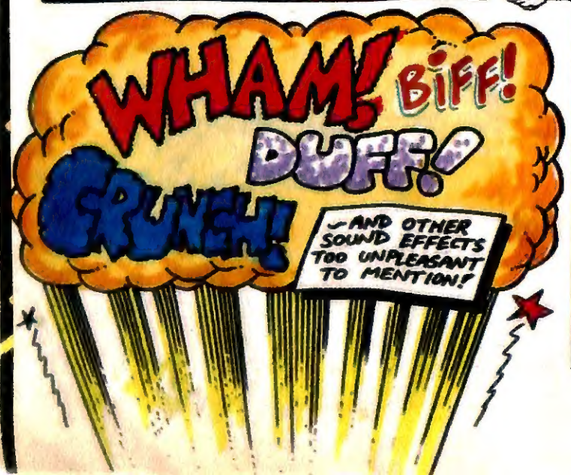
2+ 2 = 5

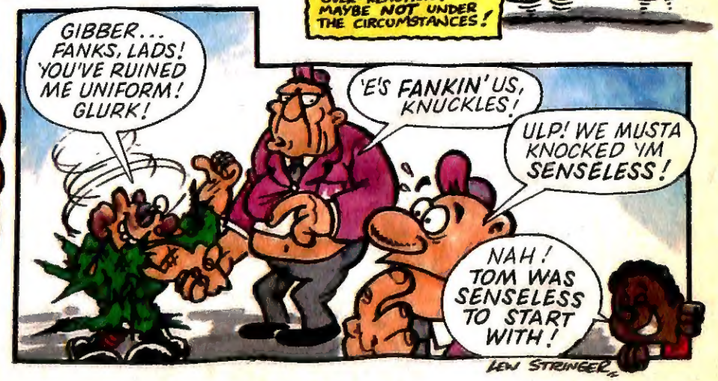




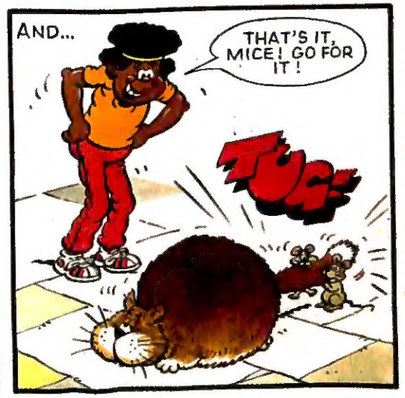


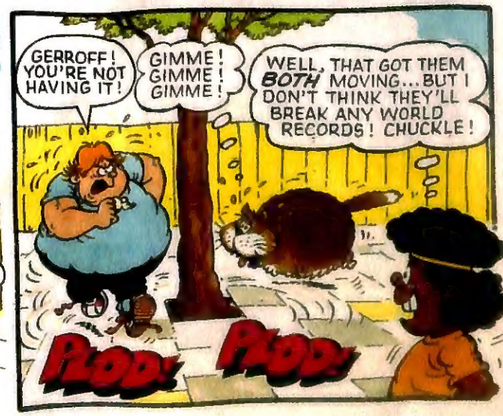




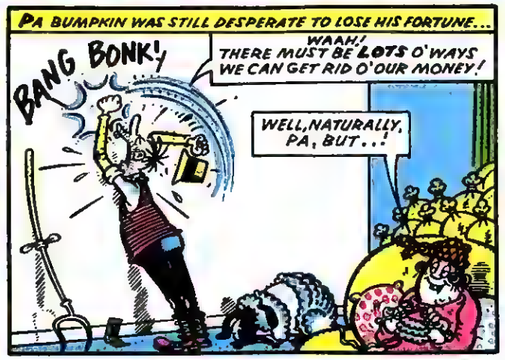


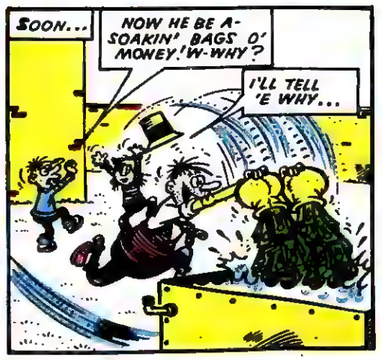
Phil Fitt

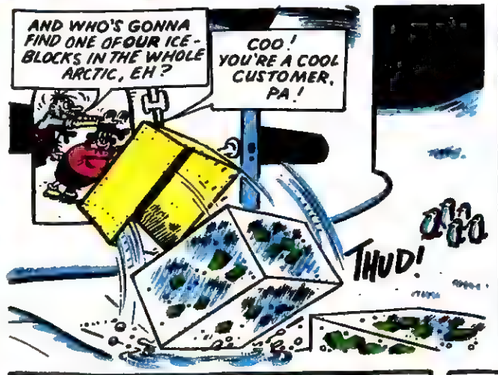


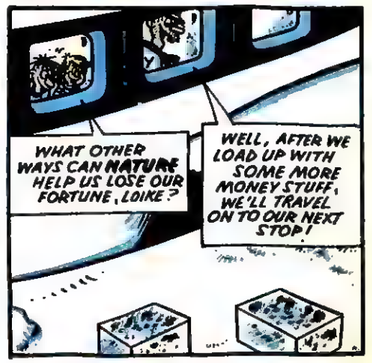


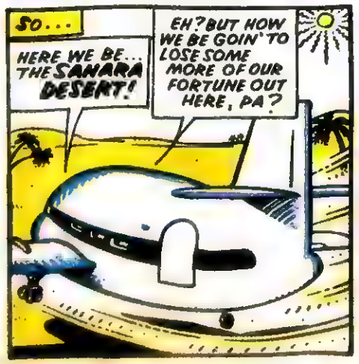
The BUMPKIN BILLIONAIRES

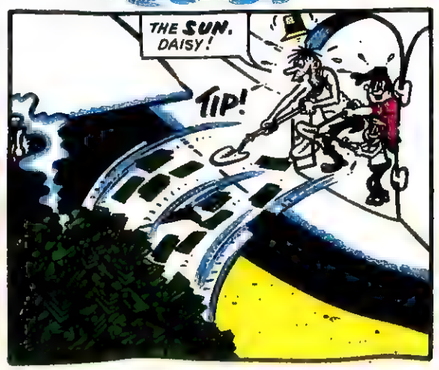


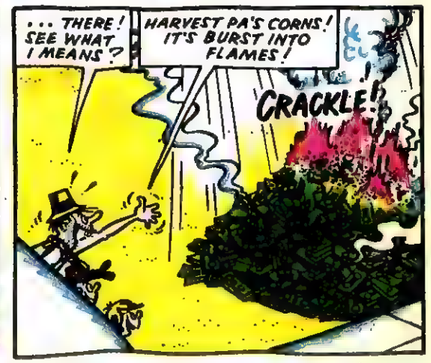


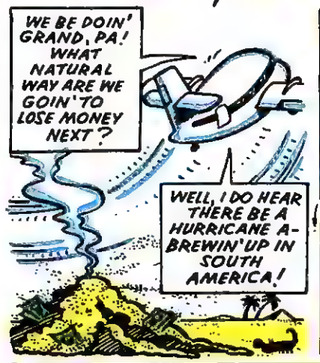


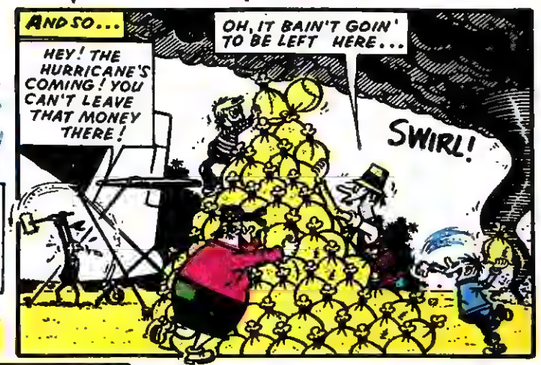


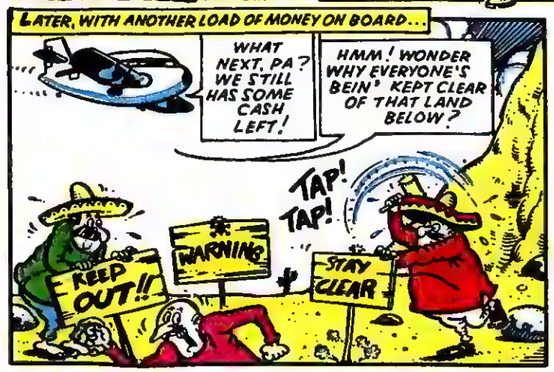


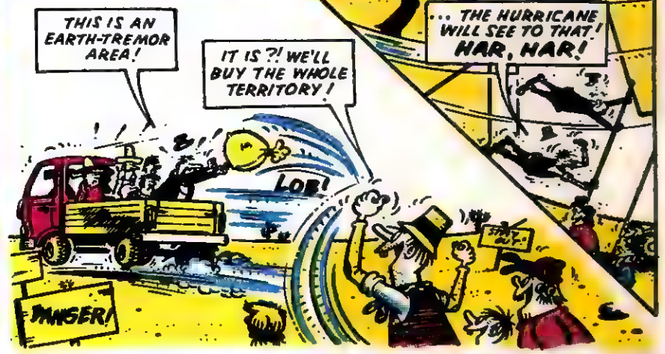


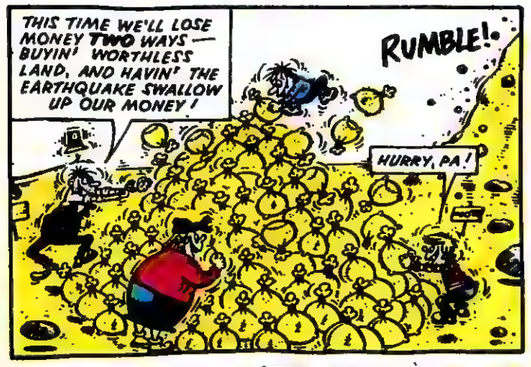


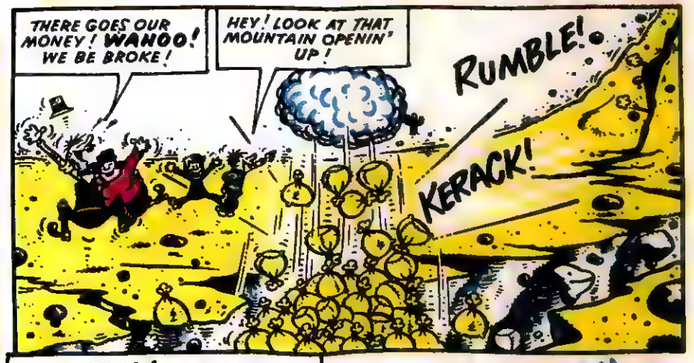


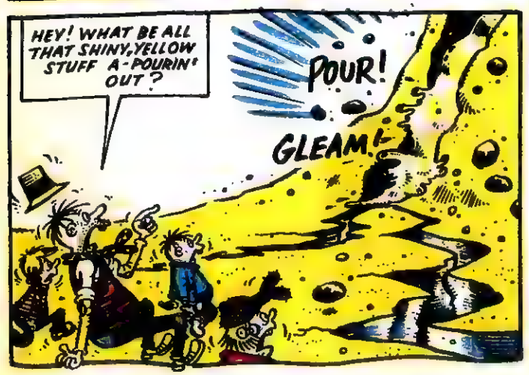


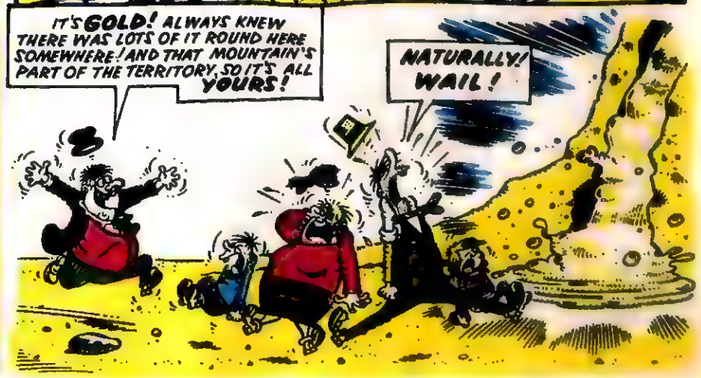


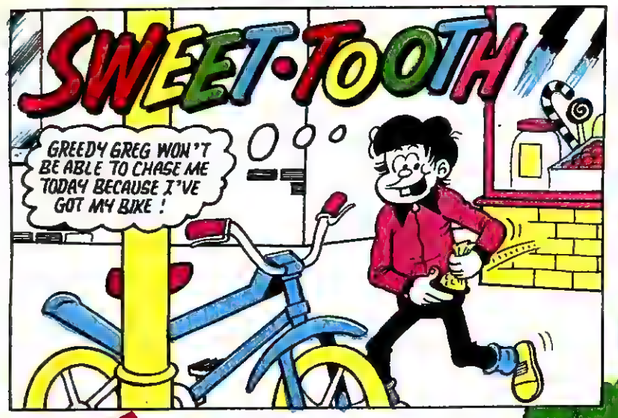


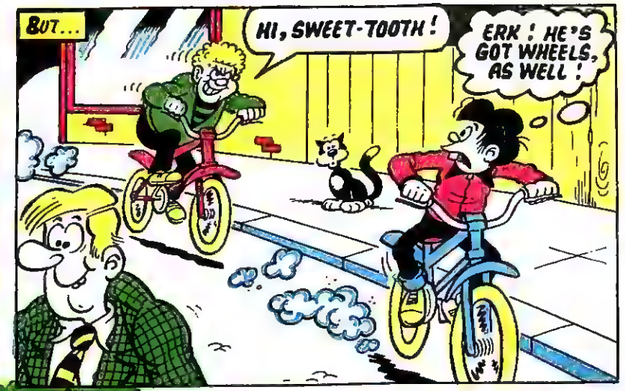


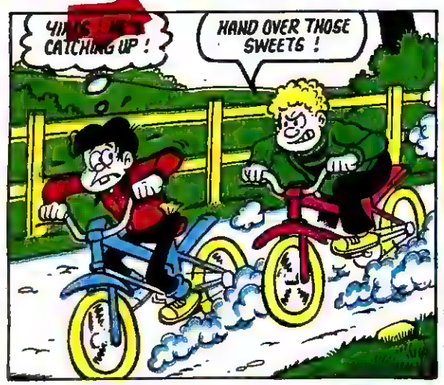


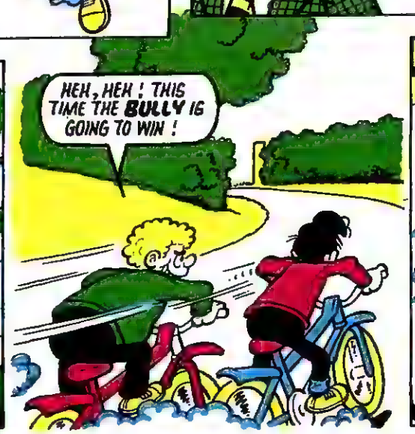


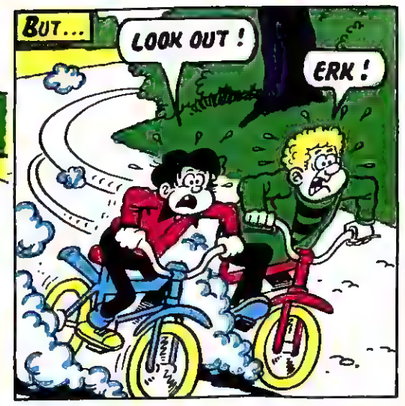


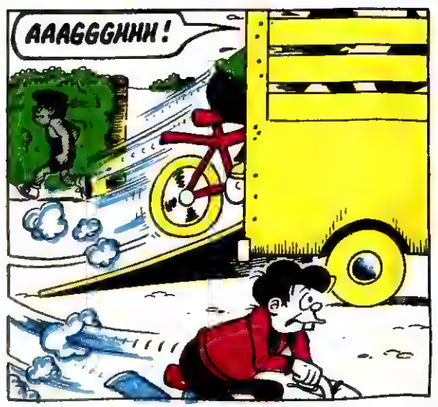

SWEET-TOOTH
GREEDY GREG WON'T BE ABLE TO CHASE ME TODAY BECAUSE I'VE GOT MY BIKE !


BUT...
HI, SWEET-TOOTH !
ERK ! HE'S GOT WHEELS, AS WELL !

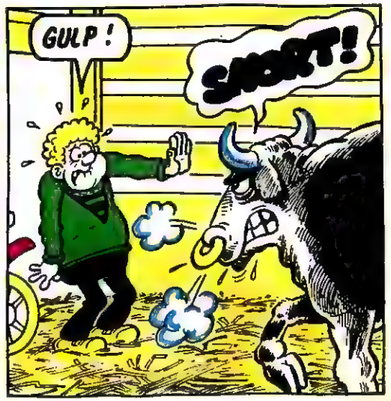

CATCHING UP !
HAND OVER THOSE SWEETS !


HEH, HEH ! THIS TIME THE BULLY IS GOING TO WIN !


BUT...
LOOK OUT !
ERK !


AAAGGGHHH !

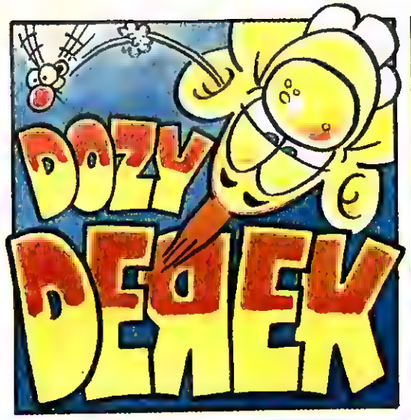
RIGHT, FRED ! LET'S GO !
SLAM!


GULP !
SNORT!

STOP ! GREEDY GREG'S IN THE BACK !

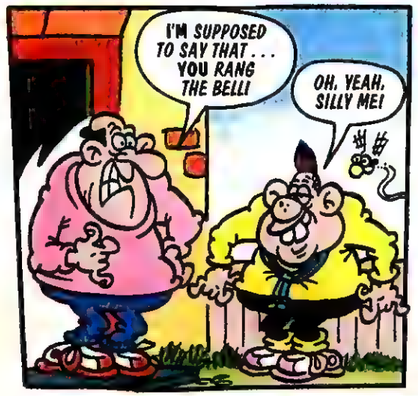
OOW!
THUMP!
CRASH!
BANG!
TOO LATE !

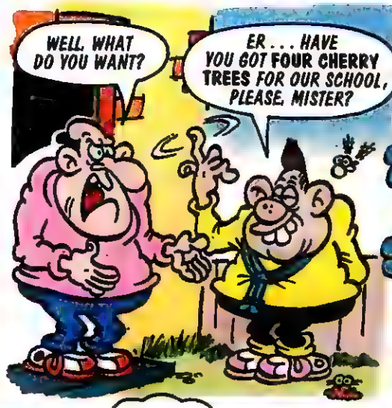
GROAN !
HEH, HEH ! YOU WERE RIGHT, GREG — THIS TIME THE "BULLY" DID WIN !

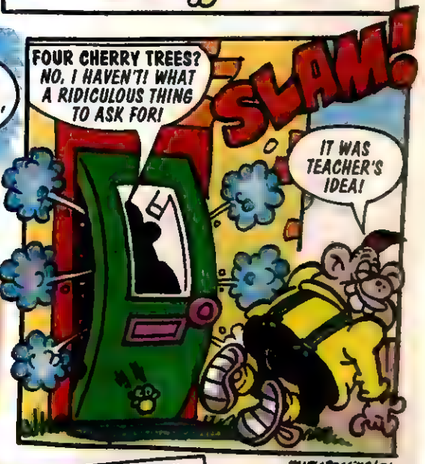

DAZY DEREK

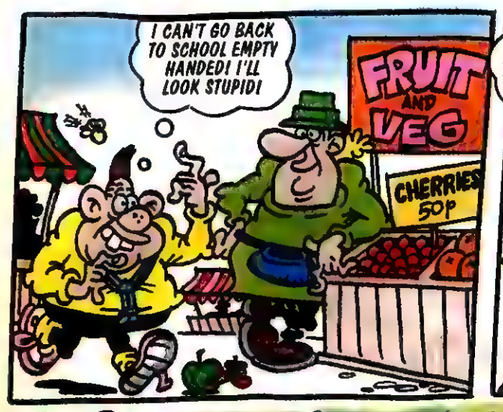
DING DONG!
WHO'S THAT?

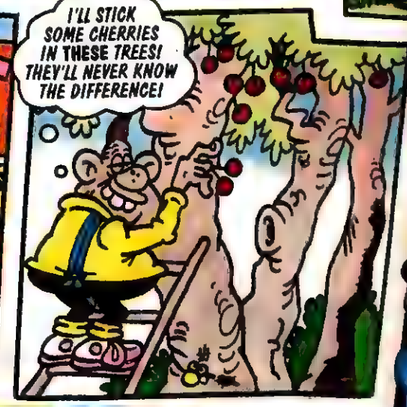
YES, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
EH?

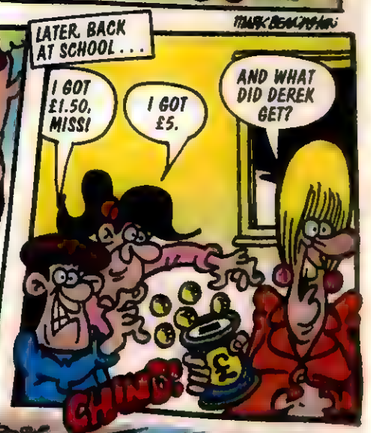

I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY THAT... YOU RANG THE BELL!
OH, YEAH, SILLY ME!

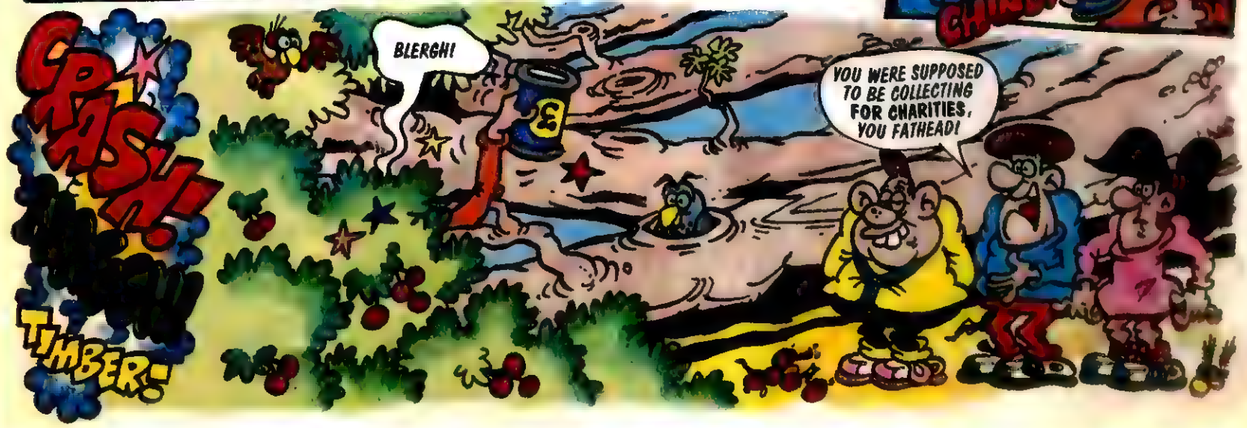

WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ER... HAVE YOU GOT FOUR CHERRY TREES FOR OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE, MISTER?


FOUR CHERRY TREES? NO, I HAVEN'T! WHAT A RIDICULOUS THING TO ASK FOR!
SLAM!
IT WAS TEACHER'S IDEA!


I CAN'T GO BACK TO SCHOOL EMPTY HANDED! I'LL LOOK STUPID!
FRUIT AND VEG
CHERRIES 50p

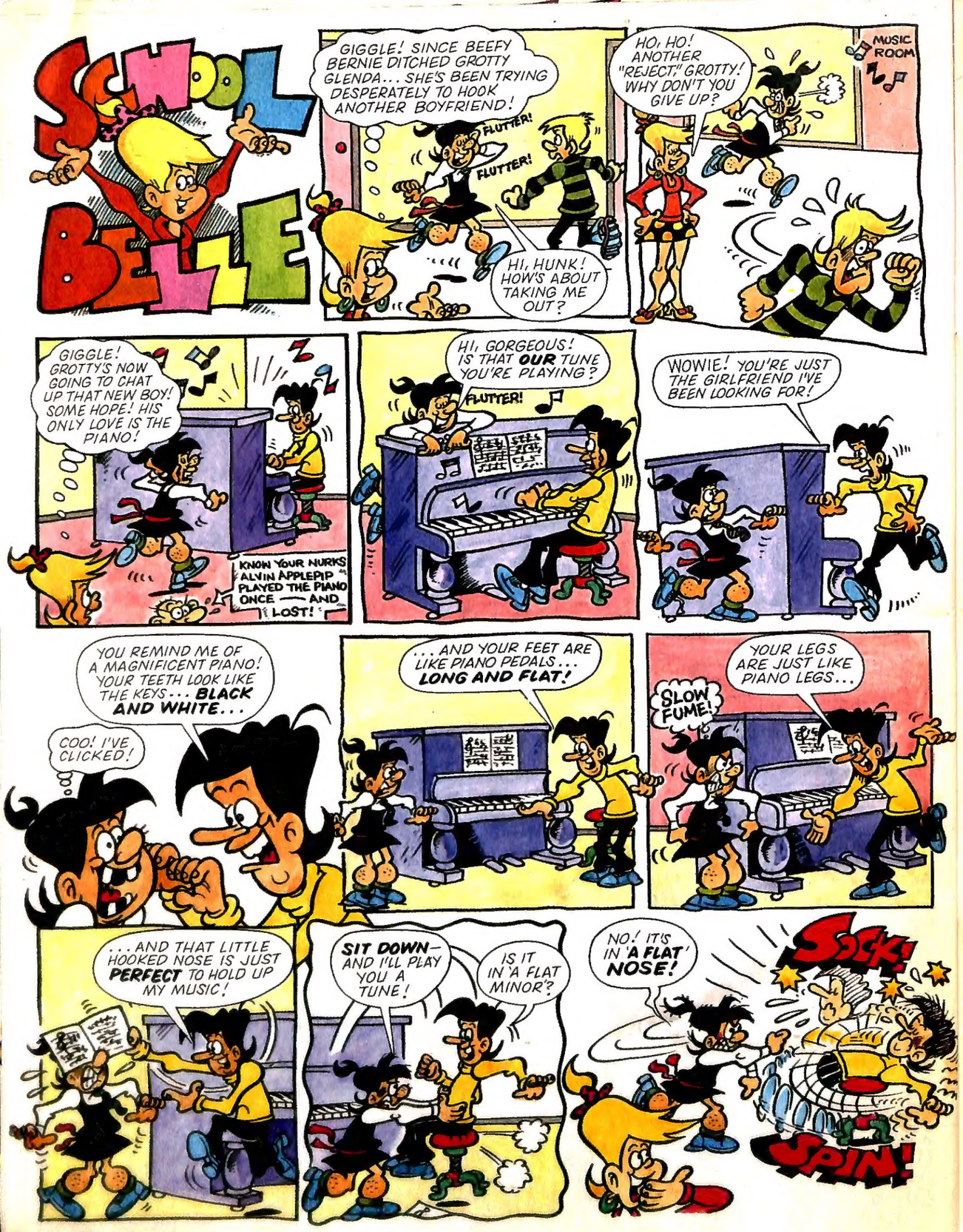

I'LL STICK SOME CHERRIES IN THESE TREES! THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!


LATER, BACK AT SCHOOL...
I GOT £1.50, MISS!
I GOT £5.
AND WHAT DID DEREK GET?
CHINK!


CRASH!
TIMBER!
BLERGH!
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COLLECTING FOR CHARITIES, YOU FATHEAD!

SWEENY TODDLER
COR! WISH ME WAS A SECRET SPY!
'THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE DRIZZLE'
JUST THEN...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO PUT UP THESE SHELVES?
SORRY! I'VE... ER... GOT TO VISIT UNCLE CHARLIE IN HOSPITAL!
HMM! ME SPY ON DAD!
FROG-FANCIERS CLUB
ROTTEN FIBBER! HE'S GONE TO THE FROG-FANCIER'S CLUB, INSTEAD!
PUFF! BET MUM WILL PAY PLENTY FOR THIS INFORMATION! SNIGGER!
SURE ENOUGH...
THANKS, SWEENY! HERE COMES THE FAT-FACED TWISTER NOW!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO SNEAK OFF TO THAT PESKY CLUB! TAKE THAT!
THAANG!
THANG!
GNNERK! SQUERK! SQUAWK!
WALLOP!
BLITHER! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! BLEHH! HOW DID MUM KNOW I WAS AT THE CLUB?
TAP! TAP!
HMPH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN! THANKS FOR THE INFO, HENRY DOG!
FURTIVE WHISPERS!
GAARRGHH! C'M'ERE, YOU 'ORRID LITTLE TELL-TALE!
AAGH! ME MUST HAVE BEEN BETRAYED BY A MOLE!
IT WAS A HOUND, ACTUALLY! CACKLE!
GAAAH! TRAITOR!!
TASTY DOGGY-LUMPS
IT'S NO SECRET WHAT DAD WILL DO TO SWEENY IF HE FINDS HIM! CAN YOU SPY HIM, READERS?

Chalky
I'M QUICK ON THE DRAW!
NICE GOALPOSTS, CHALKY!
THEY'LL ADD SOME REALISM TO OUR GAME!
CHALKY'S SCORE DRAW!
BUT...
CLEAR OFF! YOU CAN'T PLAY AROUND HERE!
SAYS WHO?
SAYS ME!
OH! THAT'S... ER... DIFFERENT, THEN!
PSST! KEEP HIM TALKING. I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
I'LL TELL MY DAD OF YOU!
I'LL DRAW IT SO FAST HE WON'T FEEL IT!
OH, NO! I'VE JUST DROPPED THAT FIVER MY MUM GAVE ME!
I'LL HELP YOU FIND IT...
NO, YOU DON'T! ANYTHING LOST AROUND HERE IS MINE!
SHOVE!
OOW!
FOULS RUSH IN...
HEY! CAN YOU SEE THAT?
DISGUSTING!
HE OUGHT TO BE LOCKED UP!
WHAT A CHEEK!
TAKE THAT, YOU DISGUSTING CREATURE!
THUNK!
BASH!
WAUGHH! WHAT HAVE I DONE?
IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY! SOME PEOPLE REALLY DO GO BONKERS WHEN THERE'S A FULL MOON! HAW, HAW!


SCHOOL BELLE
GIGGLE! SINCE BEEFY BERNIE DITCHED GROTTY GLENDA... SHE'S BEEN TRYING DESPERATELY TO HOOK ANOTHER BOYFRIEND!
FLUTTER!
FLUTTER!
HI, HUNK! HOW'S ABOUT TAKING ME OUT?
HO, HO! ANOTHER "REJECT," GROTTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP?
MUSIC ROOM
GIGGLE! GROTTY'S NOW GOING TO CHAT UP THAT NEW BOY! SOME HOPE! HIS ONLY LOVE IS THE PIANO!
KNOW YOUR NURKS ALVIN APPLEPIP PLAYED THE PIANO ONCE — AND LOST!
HI, GORGEOUS! IS THAT OUR TUNE YOU'RE PLAYING?
FLUTTER!
WOWIE! YOU'RE JUST THE GIRLFRIEND I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
YOU REMIND ME OF A MAGNIFICENT PIANO! YOUR TEETH LOOK LIKE THE KEYS... BLACK AND WHITE...
COO! I'VE CLICKED!
...AND YOUR FEET ARE LIKE PIANO PEDALS... LONG AND FLAT!
YOUR LEGS ARE JUST LIKE PIANO LEGS...
SLOW FUME!
...AND THAT LITTLE HOOKED NOSE IS JUST PERFECT TO HOLD UP MY MUSIC!
SIT DOWN— AND I'LL PLAY YOU A TUNE!
IS IT IN 'A FLAT MINOR'?
NO! IT'S IN 'A FLAT' NOSE!
SOCK!
SPIN!

The WINNERS
I'M GOING TO WIN THE LOCAL PAINTING COMPETITION!
DING-DONG!
THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE FRONT DOOR!
YES?
MR. WINNER HIRED ME TO POSE FOR HIS PAINTING!
PUSH OFF!
!?!!
SLAM!
FORGET THE MODEL— YOU CAN PAINT THIS INSTEAD!
HARD LUCK, DAD!
LATER...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ER... UM...
PATHETIC!
GROSS!
GRRRR! I SPENT HOURS ON THAT!
SQUIRT!
ERK!
BASH!
ALL THAT HARD WORK WASTED!
HE'S REALLY ANGRY!
SNAP!
I'M NEVER GOING TO PAINT AGAIN! NEVER, EVER!
IDEA!
STAMP!
STOMP!
SO...
A FINE EXAMPLE OF MODERN ART!
JUDGE
JUST BEGINNER'S LUCK!
1st PRIZE
NICE ONE, DAD!
YES, HE WON THE COMPETITION BY LOSING HIS TEMPER! HEH, HEH!
ART EXHIBITION

STORE WARS

I'VE JUST HAD MY WHOLE SUPER-STORE REFITTED!

OUT WITH ALL THAT OLD STUFF!

BUT THAT GEAR YOU'VE THROWN OUT IS ONLY A COUPLE OF MONTHS OLD, MR. SUPERSTORE!

SO WHAT? MY SUPERSTORE MUST BE BANG UP TO DATE!

WHICH IS MORE THAN CAN BE SAID FOR YOUR POKEY SHOP, BLOGGS! IT'S POSITIVELY ANTIQUE!

OH, BUT SOME PEOPLE LIKE IT THIS WAY!

OLD FOGEYS LIKE YOURSELF, PERHAPS... BUT I'M AFTER THE 'MODERN' SHOPPER!

AND, A LITTLE LATER...

AH! HERE'S THE SORT OF TRENDY CHAP WHO'LL APPRECIATE MY SMART STORE!

GASP! HORROR OF HORRORS!

GRR! SOMEONE'S LEFT A HEAP OF SCRAP OUTSIDE MY GORGEOUS STORE!

IT SPOILS THE WHOLE LOOK OF THE PLACE! WHISTLE!

YES, SIR?

GET THIS AWAY FROM MY STORE!

HEAVE! PUSH

THAT'LL DO!

IT CAN RUST AWAY THERE WITH THE REST OF BLOGGS' STUFF! HEH, HEH!

BUT THEN...

I SAY! MY CAR!

IT'S BEEN STOLEN! HI-JACKED!

H-HIS CAR? OUR MODERN SHOPPER?

PHEW! THERE IT IS!

FORGOT TO PUT ON THE HAND-BRAKE DID I, OLD GIRL? HAW, HAW!

POT PAT

THEN...

I SAY! THERE'S "RODDERS" CO-EE!

PARP! HONK! TOOT! TOOT!

I SAY! WHAT A JOLLY LITTLE PLACE RODDERS HAS FOUND FOR OUR SUPPLIES!

YES! SUITS OUR CARS TO A TEE!

SEETHE!

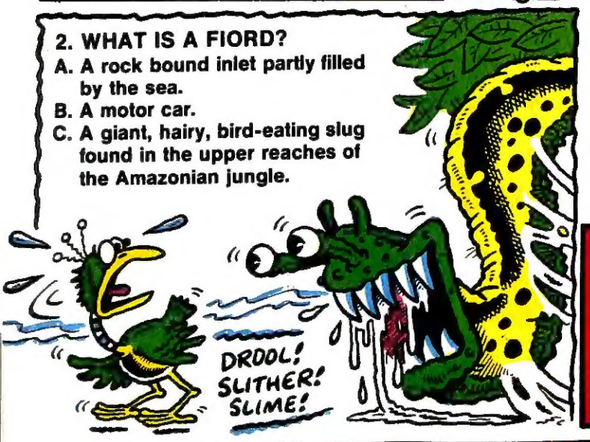
AARGH! IT'S A VINTAGE CAR RALLY! AND BLOGGS HAS THE CUSTOM OF ALL THOSE POSH, RICH PEOPLE!

ARE YOU A COOL DUDE... ...OR A DUMBO?

Answer the following questions and then check your score on the special 'Buster Dumbometer'. Award yourself one point for each correct answer.

1. WHERE DOES LAVA COME FROM?
A. Marks and Spencers.
B. A Volcano.
C. The sap of the Australian Goolybong tree.

2. WHAT IS A FIORD?
A. A rock bound inlet partly filled by the sea.
B. A motor car.
C. A giant, hairy, bird-eating slug found in the upper reaches of the Amazonian jungle.

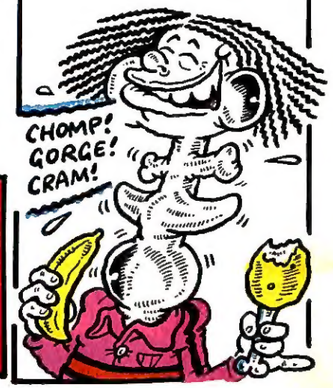


3. WHAT IS A TOPOGRAPHER?
A. A person who treats injured toes in a foot hospital.
B. A person who draws maps.
C. A scientist who measures the amount of dust on top of mountains.

4. WHERE WOULD YOU FIND THE DOLDRUMS?
A. In the music room of a doll's house.
B. In the ocean near the equator where the winds are calm.
C. In the ear of the Peruvian, three-toed fruit bat.

5. WHERE WOULD YOU FIND THE PAMPAS?
A. Mothercare.
B. Scotland.
C. South America.

6. WHAT IS A GULLET?
A. The grub tube running down inside your neck.
B. A passage.
C. A footballer



DUMBOMETER

0-1:
Before you study geography it's vital you locate one very important region - your brain!

2-3:
Having located your brain check to find out why it's not working.

4-5:
Your knowledge of geography is fair. On the other hand, when leaving home tie a long piece of string to the front door so you don't get lost!

6:
Geographically you're one cool dude!

Answers!

1. B. Lava is the molten rock from volcanoes - and there's not a lot of *them* about in Marks & Sparks! And if you thought the answer was C, then the only sap is you!

2. A. As far as I know, there's no such thing as a giant, hairy, bird-eating slug. Hang on! Where's my pet budgie gone?

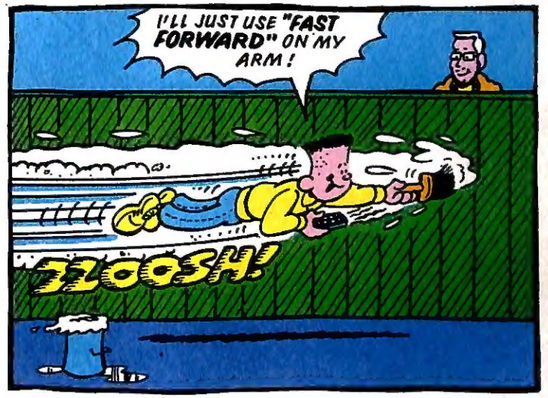
3. B. A person who works in a foot hospital is called a chiropodist, which is a pretty corny job. And a scientist who measures the dust on top of mountains must be an idiot!

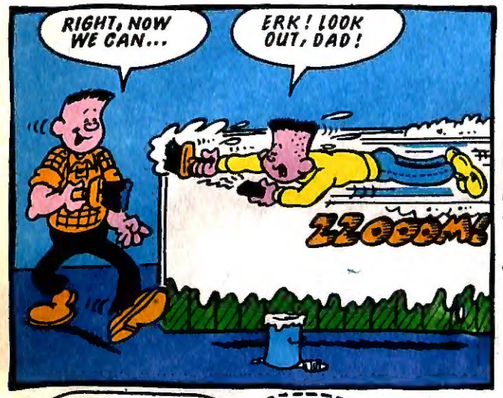
4. B. Any girl will tell you that only posh doll's houses have music rooms. And you're welcome to look into the ear of a Peruvian three-toed fruit bat if you can find one!

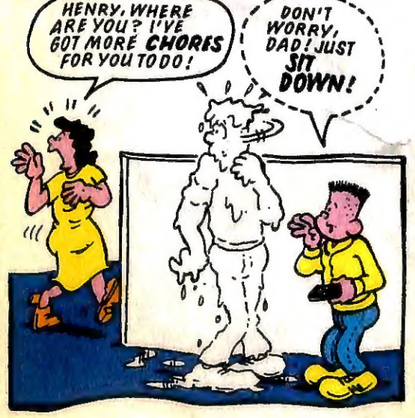
5. C. Yes, there is a brand of baby's nappy which has the same sounding name. And if you picked this answer, then you should be wearing them!

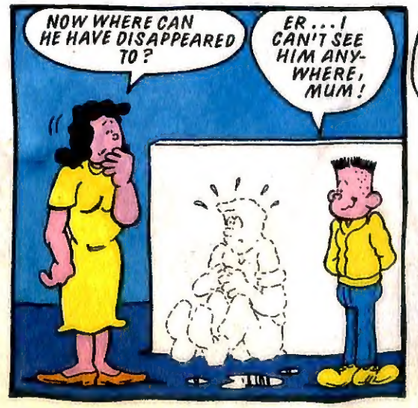
6. B. A trick question. It could be A or B, but you should have guessed by now that the questions are about *geography*. And if you thought it was C - then you don't know your Gullet from your Gullit!

TURN THE PAGE TO CHECK YOUR SCORE!..









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